satellite data, the Department of Land Resources has sanctioned a project to National Remote Sensing Agency, Hyderabad on Nationwide Land Use/Land Cover Analysis using IRS Wide Field Sensor Data on 1:1 million scale with a view to analyze changes in land use/land cover.

Utilisation of SGRY funds

†1675. SHRI KRIPAL PARMAR: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government had taken a decision under SGRY that 50 per cent, 30 per cent and 20 per cent of the amount out of the amount allocated by Centre to the States for various developmental works shall directly be spent on the recommendations of Panchayats, Block Committees and District Board respectively;

(b) if so, whether it is also a fact that announcements are being made in many States for spending these funds not only as per the shelf of Panchayats but even as per the shelf of block committees too; and

(c) if so, the steps being taken by the Government to prevent such misuse?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI U. V. KRISHNAM RAJU): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The Sampoorna Grameen Rozgar Yojana (SGRY) is being implemented by the Panchayati Raj Institutions at District, Block and Gram Panchayat levels. The works under the SGRY are taken up according to the Annual Action Plan (AAP) prepared independently every year by each Panchayat. The responsibility for preparation of the Annual Action Plan is that of the Zilla Panchayat at the District level, of the Panchayat Samiti at the block level and of the Gram Panchayat at the Gram Panchayat level.

(c) Does not arise.

Central assistance to Orissa for Indira Awas Yojana

1676. SHRI B.J. PANDA : Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government of Orissa has asked for Central help for additional 1 lakh houses under the Indira Awas Yojana (IAY) for those

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

whose houses have either been washed away or partially damaged in the recent floods;

(b) whether the State has asked for these funds from the National Calamity Contingency Fund, as the State Government is not in a position to provide its share; and

(c) if so, the status of the proposal and by when the State Government would be sanctioned the funds for rehabilitation work?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI U.V. KRISHNAM RAJU): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir.

(c) The proposal was considered by the Ministry of Home Affairs. An amount of Rs. 21.00 crore for repairs/restoration of damaged houses has been released under National Calamity Contingency Fund (NCCF) during 2003-2004.

Scheme for housing loan and insurance policy

1677. SHRI R.K. ANAND: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has decided to introduce a package scheme for housing loan and insurance policy for the agricultural and rural housing areas; and

(b) if so, the details of the criteria for advancing the loans to farmers?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI U.V. KRISHANAM RAJU): (a) and (b) There is no proposal to introduce a package scheme for housing loan and insurance policy for the agricultural and rural housing areas in the Ministry of Rural Development.

Drinking water scheme for rural Areas of Maharashtra

†1678. SHRI DATTA MEGHE: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of schemes sanctioned during the last three years for

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.